

Wentham Oct 31. 1834.

To C. Fryer

Dear Mother

I have stolen one week away from the arduous duties of my agency to return from Maine to see my family & make our arrangements for the winter. I shall remain over the Sabbath only & on Tuesday return again to Maine & go thence to Concord in N. Hampshire to attend the Convention to be held there on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, for the purpose of forming a State Anti-Slavery Society. We have just had such a Convention at Augusta in Maine, at which, more than 100 delegates being present, we formed a State Society for Maine, auxiliary to the American Society. Our cause is making rapid progress in that region. Everywhere I find warm opposition & warm friendship.

Wife will probably remain here as a boarder for the winter. The next two months I shall probably spend in Maine & N. Hampshire & after that shall remain with my family at least three weeks. I wrote some time since to Uncle Augustus to have him assist you in getting your wood &c for the winter. It is all important that your wood should be cut & corded under the shed, & all your other arrangements for the winter completely & fully made, & whatever else you leave at loose ends, do not leave these matters. I should be glad I had intended to visit you this



fall & aid you in making these arrangements, but I find it utterly impossible. The claims of oppressed & outraged millions call me elsewhere & in obedience to them & therein, in obedience to the God of the Oppressed I cheerfully go, believing that the God who calls me in one direction in behalf of this outraged & defenceless poor will not be unmindful of the necessities of me & mine.

You seem to think me out of the line of my duty, But so far from this, I think I was never more in it than now - at least in it, or out of it, I never enjoyed more of the light of God's countenance than now - never felt myself so utterly a stranger on earth & never so walked with God, as since I have begun practically to remember them that are in bonds as bound with them. If I know my own heart I have done with looking for comfort, or ease, or honor in this world. I wish to live to purpose - so that the world shall feel my influence & be the better for my having lived in it - I wish only to honor God, by joining issue with sin in all its forms, & thus do all I can to aid on the great work of reclaiming this rebel world to God, & then I wish to die, & leave ~~God~~ my destinies, & the destinies of mine, both temporal & eternal, with God. A

Remember me affectionately to all friends & believe me as ever -  
- - - Your affectionate son

Amos A. Phelps.

P.S. I shall write you something definite in relation to money matters when I write again. Wife will fill out the rest of the sheet -



Dear Mother,

I have received yours dated Oct 3<sup>d</sup> & should have ~~been~~ answered it before this but have been prevented by sickness &c. &c. - Two weeks ago to night I was taken very suddenly with something like the cholera morbus - & was very ~~and~~ much distressed through the night - or till 4 o'clock - I have now recovered & am about as well as usual. You perceive from Husband's letter that he is with me for a few days - He came very unexpectedly yesterday. Little Edward (as well as the rest of us) was delighted to see him. - He knew him although he had not seen him for nearly three months. - On Tuesday he will leave us again. - On Monday we expect to attend Mr Lee's wedding if it is pleasant - I received the invitation yesterday a few hours before husband arrived. He is to be married to a Miss Lisk of Natick - I have not seen her yet. ~~of it - but~~ ~~although~~ You will be somewhat surprised, Mother to hear that Sister Emily was married last Wednesday evening to a Mr Sturtevant of New Bedford - She left us with her friends that came to the wedding yesterday morning for N.B. - Mr I had been attentive to her for some time, - but it was not decided when I wrote you last, that they would be married so soon. By the way, Cousin Eliza Shepard will probably be married next Spring - to a Clergyman - a Mr Boutelle settled in Plymouth - Brother Frederick has returned to College - Sister Harriet goes to the Academy this term - She sends love to you. Mother also wishes to be remembered & says she thinks much of you in your lonely situation. Little Edward would send a kiss if he were awake - He is very well & grows finely - & improves very much in talking. When I wrote you with



regard to husband's stockings. I had forgotten that you had  
3/4yd with you to repair - I should like to have you repair  
them & do as you think best with regard to knitting him an-  
more - you can knit Edward if you please - & make the  
large enough for him a year hence is also you should not  
have an opportunity to send them this winter - some new  
fine stockings will be very acceptable to husband - must

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Mrs Clarissa Tryon  
Farmington  
Conn.

Wentworth  
Belle

now soon - now is your health - & how  
long to hear that you had been sick -  
good bye & believe me your affectionate daughter  
Charlotte

summe of you have been & time to knit them - they are so  
much more desirable than those we buy - I should like to have  
you get some more slippery shawl - ad more is almost gone &  
it expensive to purchase it in Boston - Remember me affectionately  
to Uncle Christopher & family & all friends - How dear Mother & must  
leave you - Do you not rejoice with me to learn as you have from  
husband's letter, that he is so settled above, that world is devoted to  
service of his Master - & find so much enjoyment in the path of duty?  
God has indeed blessed your efforts, to give you such a dear -